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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am glad that the Tunney Act allows me to participate in some small way in showing my support for Microsoft in the settlement of the antitrust case. Microsoft has been a strong source of support for American prosperity of quite some time now. With the legal wrangles of this court action behind it, Microsoft should be able, I hope, to return to its business of providing innovations to increase efficiency for business and around the world.

The settlement is, like all settlements ever, a compromise. In my opinion, Microsoft graciously conceded the most. All it got was to have the court action end with it still in one piece. In exchange, it conceded to give up its United State Constitutional protected copyright and patent interests. For example, Microsoft is documenting and disclosing to the other companies who make software the digital code to the various internal interfaces of its Windows operating system programs. Microsoft is in good company with great, bold, innovative technology companies like IBM and AT&T in being sued for antitrust.

Thank you so much for having enough sense to work to end this mess with a settlement that is worth agreeing on. I appreciate your leadership.

Sincerely,

Eric Wadsworth